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Michael Ebert Assumes Post as Mayor of Canal Winchester

CANAL WINCHESTER– January 1, 2008 not only marked the start of a new year, but also the beginning of a term for the newest Mayor of Canal Winchester. Michael Ebert assumed the title of Mayor at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2008 and took the oath of office at 8:30 a.m. today at the village's municipal building, where he was sworn in by Gene Hollins, Village Solicitor.

Mayor Ebert will also participate in the ceremonial oath on January 6 at 3 p.m. at Town Hall. At this time new council members Marilyn Rush-Ekleberry and Rick Deeds will be sworn in by Ohio State Senator Tim Schaffer.

When asked about his leadership style, Mayor Ebert described himself as someone who uses a common sense approach.

"I look forward to working with the different individuals and groups associated with the Village of Canal Winchester," said Mayor Ebert. "From residents to community organizations to employees, each of us has a vested interest in this community. By working together, we can make Canal Winchester an even better place to live, work and play. This is our community, so let's be proud of it."

More in depth information about Mayor Ebert can be found in the biography below:

Michael Ebert, Mayor of Canal Winchester

Michael Ebert was elected Mayor of Canal Winchester in November 2007 and assumed office in January 2008. Mayor Ebert is the chief executive, administrative and law enforcement officer for the Village of Canal Winchester where he is responsible for the administration of all municipal affairs.

Prior to becoming mayor, Ebert spent over 15 years as sales manager for two different food processing and equipment companies. Ebert also has 22 years experience working for Schmidt's Restaurants and Meuser's Winchester Farm Sausage, where he spent the

majority of his time as the plant manager for their operations. Ebert served three terms as director of the Ohio Association of Meat Processors, is a past-president of the Canal Winchester Lions Club and a former T-ball and little league baseball coach.

Mayor Ebert has been a resident of Canal Winchester since 1967, when he moved to the community from the Lithopolis area with his parents, sister and youngest brother. Ebert attended elementary, middle and high school in the Canal Winchester school district, graduating from Canal Winchester High School in 1969. After high school Ebert attended both Columbus State and Ohio University – Lancaster.

Mayor Ebert resides on Old Coach Place with his wife, Carolyn, who is the family support manager for the Air National Guard at Rickenbacker Air Base. Together they have three grown children – Jason, Nick and Jeremy – all who graduated from Canal Winchester High School. The couple is also proud grandparents of three grandsons. In his free time Ebert enjoys golf, classic and muscle car shows and restoration, high school and Ohio State football and basketball.

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